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## ***Black History Month event is February 20th***

The showcase event of Black History Month in Saint Paul is this Friday, the 20th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in City Hall Annex, on the 15th Floor.

The theme for this year's celebration is Highlighting African-American

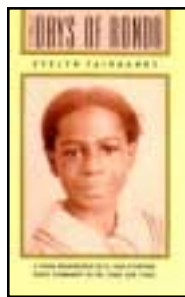
Achievement. Jambalaya, Jamaican Patties, and desserts will be available starting at 11:00. the program begins at 11:30.

The keynote speaker is Saint Paul native and former Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles Belton.



## ***'Days of Rondo' is Libraries' featured discussion book***

Saint Paul Public Library and the City/County Black History Month Committee present a special discussion of the Evelyn Fairbanks book,



"The Days of Rondo," on Friday, Feb. 27th, from noon to 1 p.m., on the 15th floor of City Hall Annex.

Fairbanks lived along Rondo Avenue—the heart of Saint Paul's

largest black community—from the 1930s through the 1950s. Her memoir tells warm, human stories recalling those years in a vibrant community that vanished with the coming of the freeways in the 1960s.

The discussion will be led by Marvin Anderson, former state law librarian and active library and literacy supporter. Returning after

leading the book chat for last year's Black History Month, Marvin promises a lively, entertaining, and informative session. The discussion is open to the public. The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library is offering several door prizes to those in attendance.

Do you need to have read the book? No you don't. Reading it will help you get more out of the discussion, but if you haven't read the book, you're still welcome to participate. Either way, you'll learn more about the book and this important Saint Paul neighborhood.

Where can you get the book? It's available through the Saint Paul Public Library. Check availability and reserve online at [www.sppl.org](http://www.sppl.org). It's also available at local bookstores and is published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, and on the web at [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org). Questions? Contact Steve Nelson, 651-266-7029.

**Please print this for your co-workers.** The City is continuing to save money by not producing printed copies of the City Update. Please print this newsletter for co-workers without computer access. Thank you.

## Purchasing A to Z Training Session

This annual training session is presented by Contract & Analysis Services. Here's what you need to know:

**Who** — The session is designed for new employees who are/or will be involved in the purchasing process and for those desiring a refresher course in the art of buying.

**When** — Wednesday, March 10, 2004, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Where** — Room 40, City Hall/Court House Conference Center

**Why** — Find out how to purchase the goods and services you need, from the ground up

- Basic steps from the budget, to the contract, to paying the bill
- Legal issues
- Where to go for help

To register for the session, send e-mail with your name, department or division, telephone number, and fax number to Marguerite Ashton at [marguerite.ashton@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:marguerite.ashton@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

## Editor still needed

The City Update employee newsletter still needs someone to step forth and take over the editorship. One volunteer turned out to be too busy, and I've lost touch with the other.



If someone wants the job, I'll be happy to help with any training needed. I can do that next week or some time in March or April. Contact [roger.grupp@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:roger.grupp@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

## PW says thanks for a busy three weeks

*The following letter was sent to all Public works employees on February 10th, just after the Winter Carnival and Ice Palace closed down, the NHL All-Star game concluded — and we'd had two Snow Emergencies. No doubt people in other City departments also worked extra hard during this very busy time.*



Now that things are beginning to settle down after what has been a very extraordinary past several days, I want to pause for just a minute to say - THANK YOU.

Mayor Kelly said over the weekend that he doubted whether in the 150 year history of the City it has ever been so busy, had so many guests or has received so much national, even international acclaim as it has over the past several days. Similarly, I wonder whether the Department of Public Works has, in the history of St. Paul, ever been so busy and has been confronted by so many challenges as it has over the past few weeks. Probably not. To all of you who in some way, large or small, got us through this busy time, and I might say — got us through with flying colors. Thank you!

I want to especially thank those of you who played a part in the outstanding management of traffic during the Winter Carnival run and NHL week which followed. (Bob Hamilton—many thanks!).

I also want to give special thanks to all of you who so capably got us through back-to-back Snow Emergencies. Your long hours and dedicated service with little or no sleep did not go unnoticed by me. By the way, the Street Maintenance Division had no sooner finished the second

emergency when it was back downtown removing snow in preparation for NHL week - and once again did an outstanding job!

Finally, I want to mention John Maczko. John has quite simply done a phenomenal job over the past three weeks and has worked extremely hard to manage what many doom-sayers predicted would be a totally unmanageable traffic load downtown. These have been very intense weeks, and John worked tirelessly to get us through them. I am very grateful, John.

But to all of you — and I can't begin to name you all, I want you to know how pleased I am with your extraordinary efforts and how proud I am to be your director.

*Bob Sandquist*

## City job openings as of February 20th, 2004

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	ECC Telecommunicator	\$1,459.78 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
02/23/04	Heavy Equipment Operator-Sewer Utility (prom)	\$22.94 per hr	See Job Ann
03/18/04	Police Chief	\$88,438 yearly	See Job Ann
02/24/04	Sewer Pumping Station Operator (prom)	\$22.94 per hr	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings). For jobs announced after February 13th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.